

UTILITY PATENT  
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1. [XX] Fee Transmittal Form (Incorporated within this form)  
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2. [XX] Specification Total Pages [29]
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  - a. [ ] Newly executed (original or copy)
  - b. [XX] Copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d) (for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed).
    - i. [ ] Deletion of Inventor(s)  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
5. [XX] Incorporation by reference (usable if box 4b is checked)  
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
6. [ ] Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)
7. [ ] Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
  - a. [ ] Computer Readable Copy
  - b. [ ] Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)
  - c. [ ] Statement Verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

8. a. [ ] Assignment Papers (cover sheet and documents)
  - b. [XX] Assignment Papers to NIKON CORPORATION in the prior Application Serial No. 09/055,954, filed on July 6, 1998 has been recorded at Reel 9293, Frame 0874 on July 6, 1998.
9. [ ] 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) [XX] Power of Attorney

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10. ☐ English translation Document (if applicable)

11. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement ☐ Copies of IDS Citations

12. ☒ Preliminary Amendment

13. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)

14. ☐ Small Entity status is claimed.

15. ☒ Claim for Convention Priority ☐ Certified copy of Priority Document(s)

a. Priority of Japanese application no. 9-103814 filed on April 7, 1997 is claimed under 35 USC 119. The certified copy has been filed in prior application Serial No. 09/055,954. (For Continuing Applications, if applicable).

16. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

17. ☒ If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:

☒ Continuation ☐ Division ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application no. 09/350,923

a. ☒ Please amend the specification by inserting after the title: --This application is a continuation of prior application Serial No. 09/350,923 filed July 12, 1999, which is a continuation of prior application Serial No. 09/055,954 filed April 7, 1998 --.

b. ☐ Cancel in this application original claims \_\_\_ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.

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Multiple Dependent Claims			\$270.00	
			Basic Filing Fee	\$1272.00
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Fee for recording enclosed Assignment			\$40.00	
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☒ [XX] A check in the amount of \$ 1,272.00 is enclosed to cover the filing fee.

☐ [ ] Please charge our Deposit Account No. **01-2340** in the total amount of \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the filing fee and the \_\_\_\_\_ assignment recordation fee. A duplicate of this sheet is attached.

☒ [XX] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment for any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. **01-2340**. A duplicate of this sheet is attached.

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